

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	55634	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	March 31, 2016
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Department:	Capital Contracting Office
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Subject

Authorize execution of a construction contract with SANTA CLARA CONSTRUCTION, LTD, for the FM 973 Wastewater Line Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,734,027 plus a \$86,701.35 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,820,728.35.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of nine bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Phillip Jaeger, 512-972-0232; Denise Avery, 512-972-0104; Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749; Sarah Torchin, 512-974-7141.
Boards and Commission Action:	March 9, 2016 - Recommended by the Water and Waste Water Commission on a vote of 11-0.
Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 73.20% MBE and 3.18% WBE participation.

Additional Backup Information

The proposed project consists of the installation of approximately 6,610 feet of 18-inch gravity wastewater main, 3,920 feet of 15-inch gravity wastewater main, 720 feet of 8-inch gravity wastewater main, and associated appurtenances. The proposed project is located in southeast Austin along FM 973 Road in the City's designated Desired Development Zone. It begins east of the Austin Bergstrom International Airport at Pearce Lane and FM 973 Road and continues south along FM 973 Road to the City's closed FM 812 landfill site, approximately 3,000 feet north of FM 812 Road. The proposed wastewater mains have also been designed to meet the City's long-range planning goals for this area.

On November 22, 2013, Austin Resource Recovery and Austin Water executed a Letter of Understanding to support the extension of wastewater services to the Austin (re)Manufacturing Hub, an eco-industrial park development of the City led by Austin Resource Recovery to support its zero waste goals. As agreed upon in the Letter of Understanding, Austin Water will front the finance cost of extending wastewater utilities and Austin Resource Recovery will reimburse those costs over 20 years, through an agreed upon repayment schedule.

On May 25, 2015, the City and S.R. Development, Inc., a developer who controls approximately 85 acres on the southeast corner of FM 973 Road and Elroy Road commonly known as the Linda Vista Subdivision and whose land is located along the route of the wastewater improvements, executed a Professional Services Agreement in which S.R. Developer agreed to fund the engineering and design of the wastewater improvements necessary to provide service to the Linda Vista Subdivision, as well as the wastewater improvements needed to serve the Austin (re)Manufacturing Hub. Austin Water acknowledges that those engineering and design costs to be equivalent to the developer's proportionate share of the costs for the wastewater improvements for the entire project. In exchange, Austin Water agreed to fully fund and manage the construction of the 8-inch, 15-inch, and 18-inch gravity wastewater mains. The design of the infrastructure has been completed and now, as stated in the Professional Services Agreement, the City will construct the improvements.

The wastewater main is located on City property (Airport), right of way, and public easement through private property. Boring for the water line will be across the right of way, so there should be minimal disruption to traffic, if any. The developer has been in communication with the affected private landowners, from whom the easements were obtained. Austin Water will continue to coordinate with them, as needed, during construction.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown conditions, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

A delay to this project would delay additional developments along the FM 973 Road corridor.

The contract allows 180 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78617 (District 2). The project will be managed by Austin Water.

Santa Clara Construction, LTD (MBE /MH) is located in Austin, Texas.